

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed S. 295, Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S907–S946

Measures Introduced: Twenty-four bills were introduced, as follows: S. 446–469. **Page S926**

Measures Passed:

Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 55), Senate passed S. 295, to amend section 2259 of title 18, United States Code, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S916–20**

Adopted:

Hatch Amendment No. 250, of a perfecting nature. **Page S919**

Measures Considered:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 240, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015. **Pages S907–10, S920–21**

Appointments:

United States Holocaust Memorial Council: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96–388, as amended by Public Law 97–84, and Public Law 106–292, reappointed the following Senators to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Senators Sanders and Franken. **Page S946**

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–83, the reappointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the National Council on the Arts: Senator Baldwin. **Page S946**

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Chair, on behalf of the

Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 99–93, as amended by Public Law 99–151, appointed the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: Senators Feinstein, Schumer, and Whitehouse. **Page S946**

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki): The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 99–7, appointed the following Senators as members of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki) during the 114th Congress: Senators Cardin, Whitehouse, Udall, and Shaheen. **Page S946**

Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 106–286, appointed the following Members to serve on the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Senators Feinstein (re-appointment), Brown (re-appointment), Merkley (re-appointment), and Peters. **Page S946**

President's Export Council: The Chair, pursuant to Executive Order 12131, as amended and extended, appointed the following Senators to the President's Export Council: Senators Klobuchar and Gillibrand. **Page S946**

Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: The Chair, on behalf of the President of the Senate, pursuant to Public Law 85–874, as amended, reappointed the following Senator to the Board of Trustees of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts: Senator Warner. **Page S946**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting a legislative proposal to authorize the limited use of the United States Armed Forces

against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL); which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–5) **Page S925**

Carter Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 12, 2015, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Defense; that the time until 2 p.m., be equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, and that at 2 p.m., Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S946**

Messages from the House: **Pages S925–26**

Measures Referred: **Page S926**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S926–27**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S927–45**

Amendments Submitted: **Page S945**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S945–46**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—55) **Page S920**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S946.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Gimbel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, and Estevan Lopez, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, both of the Department of the Interior; and Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Thomas P. Bostick, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the situation in Afghanistan,

after receiving testimony from James B. Cunningham, Mineville, New York, and Ryan C. Crocker, Texas A&M University George Bush School of Government and Public Service, College Station, both a former Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; Admiral Eric T. Olson, USN (Ret.), former Commander, United States Special Operations Command, Department of Defense, Baltimore, Maryland; and Michael E. Leiter, former Director, United States National Counterterrorism Center, Reston, Virginia.

WORLD-WIDE NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces received a closed briefing on world-wide nuclear capabilities from Douglas S. Wade, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Korea and North East Asia, Dionisio Aquino de Leon III, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Russia and Eurasia, Daniel K. Taylor, Acting Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for China, Kent A. Breedlove, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for South Asia, Richard A. Williams, Senior Intelligence Officer for Levant Branch, and Roy E. Boone, Acting Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Weapons of Mass Destruction and Nuclear, all of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

MILITARY COMPENSATION AND RETIREMENT MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the retirement and compensation proposals of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, after receiving testimony from Alphonso Maldon, Jr., Chairman, and former Senator Larry L. Pressler, Dov S. Zakheim, Michael R. Higgins, General Peter W. Chiarelli, USA (Ret.), and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., USN (Ret.), each a Commissioner, all of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission; Robert L. Frank, Air Force Sergeants Association, Suitland, Maryland; Richard A. Jones, National Association for Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia; Deirdre Parke Holleman, The Retired Enlisted Association, Alexandria, Virginia; and Alexander Nicholson, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, Washington, DC.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY TRUST FUND INSOLVENCY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Social Security disability trust fund insolvency, after receiving testimony from Carolyn W. Colvin, Acting Commissioner, Social Security